

St Cuthberts Out Parish Emergency Plan

Appendix Two – Risk Assessment

Note – this part of the Plan is under construction as we collect information from around the parish. Please let us know if you think we should add anything to this list.

Flooding

Areas within the parish which have flooded in the past, or have a high risk of flooding

West Ward

A39 by Harters Hill Lane to Keen Hall Farm (1932)

A39 by Riverside

A39 by Polsham Junction

North Ward

The river Axe runs through the steep sided valley which shelters Wookey Hole.

A sudden flood may affect large numbers of visitors to the attractions

East Ward

Generally higher ground, but could be affected by flash flooding

South Ward

Riverside properties in Dinder and Dulcote are at risk of flooding

Heavy snowfalls

Local roads may be blocked, causing disruption to transport within the parish. This may become a cause for concern if the situation persists for more than a day.

Parishioners are encouraged to pay attention to severe weather warnings, and plan accordingly.

People travelling through the parish may be stranded. The police will inform us if a place of safety needs to be opened to accommodate them.

A prolonged national transport disruption due to snow may start to affect supplies of fresh food, and impact on businesses in the parish, especially farms

Storms and other extreme weather

It's unlikely that normal response services will be unable to cope with predicted storms, so the Emergency Plan probably won't be needed, unless flooding results.

If there is substantial damage to residential properties, places of safety may have to be opened to accommodate evacuees.

Other Risks

There are few major hazards within the Parish, but we may be affected by nearby events at Hinkley Point Nuclear Power station to the west. An incident at Glastonbury Festival to the east could impact on our Parish, or require us to co-operate with the responsible authorities.

We could also be affected by national, or large-scale local, disasters such as a health emergency, severe industrial action, or a space debris incident. The essence of an emergency is unexpectedness, and our Plan is sufficiently adaptable to cope with a wide variety of circumstances should it be called upon.